

Later in the afternoon, in an Oval Office ceremony, the President signed the National Cemetery Expansion Act.

November 12

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing followed by a National Security Council meeting. He then met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld and Presidential Envoy to Iraq L. Paul Bremer III. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a photo opportunity with Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Michael O. Leavitt and members of Mr. Leavitt's family.

Later in the morning, the President met with NATO Secretary General Lord Robertson.

In the afternoon, the President participated in an interview with British print journalists and a separate interview later with Sir David Frost of the BBC. Later, in the Oval Office, he and Mrs. Bush participated in the presentation of the National Medal of Arts awards.

November 13

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Orlando, FL. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy to express his condolences to the families of the Italians killed in the suicide bombing in Nasiriyah, Iraq, on November 12 and to discuss reconstruction efforts in Iraq and Europe-U.S. relations. Upon arrival in Orlando, he greeted USA Freedom Corps volunteer Matilda Walther.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Fort Myers, FL, where, upon arrival, he greeted USA Freedom Corps volunteer Mark Asperilla.

In the evening, the President attended a Bush-Cheney reception at a private residence. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Rhonda Newman Keenum to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service.

The President announced his intention to nominate David Campbell Mulford to be Ambassador to India.

November 14

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he participated in an interview with Trevor Kavanagh of the British newspaper *The Sun*. Then, in the Oval Office, he and Mrs. Bush participated in the presentation of the National Humanities Medal awards.

In the afternoon, in the Residence, the President had lunch with President Carlo Azeglio Ciampi of Italy. Later, he traveled to Camp David, MD.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted November 14

David C. Mulford,
of Illinois, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to India.

Diane S. Sykes,
of Wisconsin, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, vice John L. Coffey, retiring.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released November 10

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan